

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Chambers of the City Council

Monday, January 06, 2020

CITY COUNCIL

Municipal Building

6:06 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors-Elect Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.

LATE: No One

ABSENT: No One

City Clerk/Clerk of the Council Dennis W. Farias called the meeting to order and presided.

Prayer led by: Reverend Leona Fisher, Pastor, In the Name of Jesus Church.

Councillor-Elect Morad led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, notifying of Organizational Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, January 6, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., in City Council Chambers, for the following purpose:

1. Temporary Organization of the City Council and Election of City Council President Pro Tem.
2. Election Commission Reporting the Election of Municipal Officials.
3. **Adjournment** for Swearing in of Elected Officials.
4. **Reconvene** for Organization of the City Council for the Year 2020.
5. Election of President of the City Council for 2020.
6. Drawing for Seats (if applicable).
7. Appointments of Assistant City Solicitors for 2020.
8. Appointment of Attorney David J. Gerwatowski as Legislative Counsel to the City Council for 2020.
9. Appointment of Weighers of Merchandise for 2020.

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(#0001)

COMMUNICATION, Election Commission reporting the Election of Municipal Officials for 2020.

**CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS
2019 MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

At the Municipal Election held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019, 9,785 voters or 16.4% of the registered voters in the City of New Bedford cast their ballots and the following individuals were elected to office:

Mayor – for a term of four years

Jon F. Mitchell, 15 Mooreland Terrace

Assessor at Large - for a term of six years

Peter E. Berthiaume, 29 Arnold Place

School Committee – for a term of four years

Christopher A. Cotter, 64 Holden Street

Joaquim Jack Livramento, 384 Purchase Street

Bruce J. Oliveira, 119 Plymouth Street

Councillors at Large – for a term of two years

Ian Abreu, 273 Aquidneck Street

Naomi R.A. Carney, 16 Jenney Lind Street

Deborah Coelho, 61 Nye Street

Brian K. Gomes, 66 Clara Street

Linda M. Morad, 4162 Acushnet Avenue

WARD COUNCILLORS

WARD ONE - for a term of two years

William Brad Markey, 1520 Morton Avenue

WARD TWO – for a term of two years

Maria E. Giesta, 155 Princeton Street

WARD THREE – for a term of two years

Hugh Dunn, 24 Logan Street

WARD FOUR – for a term of two years

Derek Baptiste, 267 Elm Street

WARD FIVE – for a term of two years

Scott J. Lima, 61 Orchard Street

WARD SIX - for a term of two years

Joseph P. Lopes, 75 Dudley Street

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(#0002)

City Clerk/Clerk of the Council Dennis W. Farias announced the nominations will be in order for the Election of a Temporary President.

Councillor-Elect Joseph P. Lopes nominates Councillor-Elect Brian K. Gomes.

Motion seconded by Councillor-Elect William Brad Markey.

City Clerk/Clerk of the Council Dennis W. Farias closes the nominations.

Vote is taken on the Election of Councillor-Elect Brian K. Gomes as PRESIDENT PRO TEM –Yeas 11, Nays 0.

City Clerk/Clerk of the Council Dennis W. Farias appoints Councillor-Elect Linda M. Morad and Councillor-Elect Joseph P. Lopes to escort PRESIDENT PRO TEM Brian K. Gomes to the Chair.

President Pro Tem Gomes calls A Recess In Order That Elected Officials May Proceed To Zeiterion Theatre To Be Sworn In.

President Pro Tem Gomes reconvenes the Council at 8:30 p.m. and announces that he will accept nominations from the floor for President of the New Bedford City Council for the Year 2020.

Councillor Hugh Dunn Nominates Councillor Joseph P. Lopes, Councillor Debora Coelho seconds the Nomination.

Councillor Hugh Dunn to give Nomination speech on behalf of Councillor Joseph P. Lopes.

A ROLL CALL is taken on Election of the President - Yeas 11, Nays 0.

President Pro Tem Gomes announces the results of the vote and declares Councillor Joseph P. Lopes Elected President of the City Council for 2020.

President Pro Tem Gomes designates Councillors William Brad Markey and Scott J. Lima to escort President Lopes to the Chair.

JOSEPH P. LOPES was elected CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT for the Year 2020.

2020 City Council President Lopes addresses the City Council.

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, submitting the **REAPPOINTMENT** of **ATTORNEY KREG R. ESPINOLA**, New Bedford, MA 02740, as **Assistant City Solicitor** for a **one-year term expiring December 31, 2020**.

Rule 38 Waived, Reappointment Confirmed and Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

(#0003)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, submitting the **REAPPOINTMENT** of **ATTORNEY ERIC JAIKES**, New Bedford, MA 02740, as **Assistant City Solicitor** for a **one-year term expiring December 31, 2020**.

Rule 38 Waived, Reappointment Confirmed and Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

(#0004)

WRITTEN MOTION, 2019 City Council President Linda M. Morad, submitting to the Full City Council, the **REAPPOINTMENT of ATTORNEY DAVID J. GERWATOWSKI**, New Bedford, MA 02745, as **LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL TO THE CITY COUNCIL** for a **one-year term, expiring December 31, 2020**.

Rule 38 Waived, Reappointment Confirmed and Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

(#0005)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, submitting the **REAPPOINTMENT** of **WEIGHERS OF MERCHANDISE** for a **one-year term expiring December 31, 2020**, from **L & S Industries, Inc:**

Ian McNaught New Bedford, MA

Eugene Medeiros Fairhaven, MA

Daniel McNaught Lakeville, MA

Rule 38 waived and Reappointments Confirmed – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

(#0006)

On a motion, the Council then adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

DENNIS W. FARIAS, CITY CLERK/
CLERK OF THE CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS - 2020

COUNCILLOR JOSEPH P. LOPES, CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
COUNCILLOR LINDA M. MORAD, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT
COUNCILLOR BRIAN K. GOMES, SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

APPOINTMENTS & BRIEFINGS: Councillors COELHO, Chair; CARNEY, Vice-Chair; Abreu, Baptiste, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad

AUDIT: Councillors LIMA, Chair; MARKEY, Vice-Chair; Dunn, Lopes and Morad

CITY PROPERTY: Councillors MARKEY, Chair; CARNEY, Vice-Chair; Abreu, Baptiste, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes and Morad

FINANCE: Councillors MORAD, Chair; ABREU, Vice-Chair; Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes and Markey

FISHERIES: Councillors LIMA, Chair; GOMES, Vice-Chair; Abreu, Baptiste and Lopes

INTERNAL AFFAIRS: Councillors GOMES, Chair; DUNN, Vice-Chair; Abreu, Lopes and Markey

LABOR & INDUSTRY: Councillors DUNN, Chair; ABREU, Vice-Chair; Giesta, Lima and Morad

ORDINANCES: Councillors DUNN, Chair; MARKEY, Vice-Chair; Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, and Morad

PUBLIC SAFETY & NEIGHBORHOODS: Councillors GOMES, Chair; COELHO, Vice-Chair; Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Lima, Lopes, Markey, and Morad

VETERANS AFFAIRS, ELDERLY, YOUTH, HEALTH & HOUSING & DISABILITY ISSUES: Councillors LIMA, Chair; Giesta, Vice-Chair; Baptiste, Coelho and Dunn

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

AIRPORT: Councillors MARKEY, Chair; Giesta, Vice-Chair; Carney, Gomes and Morad

CANNABIS REGULATION AND HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS REVIEW: Councillors Giesta, Chair; CARNEY, Vice-Chair; Abreu, Baptiste, Coelho, Dunn, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS: Councillors LIMA, Chair; MARKEY, Vice-Chair; Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lopes and Morad

MEMORIALS & DEDICATIONS: Councillors ABREU, Chair; COELHO, Vice-Chair; Baptiste, Carney and Gomes

BUDGET REVIEW: Councillors LIMA, Chair; ABREU, Vice-Chair; Baptiste, Giesta and Markey

WAIVERS OF RESIDENCY: Councillors MORAD, Chair; CARNEY, Vice-Chair; Gomes, Lopes and Markey

CONDOMINIUM REVIEW BOARD: Councillor Morad

ENERGY RESOURCE COMMISSION: Councillor Abreu

EXHIBITION HALL COMMITTEE: Councillor Abreu

MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL: Councillor Baptiste

SCHOOL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE: Councillor Carney

SIGN DESIGN REVIEW BOARD: Councillor Lopes

TIF BOARD: Councillors Lopes and Morad

TRAFFIC COMMISSION: Councillors Gomes and Markey

WATER BOARD: Councillor Carney